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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: WHAT'S NEW ON THE HORN OF AFRICA?

1. THE SOVIET UNION "IS BEHIND THE RECENT COUP ATTEMPT IN SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA'S GROWING ARROGANCE AND MILITANCY, AND MORE VIOLENCE IS TO BE FEARED IN THE FUTURE ON OTHER POINTS OF THE HORN OF AFRICA", WARNS ASSISTANT EDITOR VAKOKO NSONSA EDITORIALY IN KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA APRIL 12. MR. MAKOKO NOTES THAT ETHIOPIA HAS THREATENED THAT IT WILL CONSIDER THE HORN OF AFRICA AS STILL IN A STATE OF WAR IF SOMALIA DOES NOT ABANDON ALL TERRITORIAL CLAIMS ON NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND MEET OTHER ETHIOPIAN CONDITIONS.

2. MR. VAKOKO MAINTAINS THAT MOSCOW FEELS "HUMILIATED AND BITTER TOWARD MOGADISCIO SINCE THE SOVIETS WERE KICKED OUT OF SOMALIA; THE EDITOR ALSO BELIEVES THAT THE ATTEMPTED COUP, LIKE SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN THE ETHIOPIAN DRIVE AGAINST SOMALIA'S FORCES IN THE OGADEN, WAS AN ACT OF SOVIET VENGEANCE ON SOMALIA. HE ADDS THAT ETHIOPIA--SUPPORTED BY SOVIET AND CUBAN TROOPS--IS NOW GETTING READY FOR A DRIVE AGAINST THE ERITREAN LIBERATION

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FRONT GUERRILLAS. AS ADDIS ABABA CONTINUES TO CLAIM THAT "SOMALIA'S REFUSAL TO SATISFY ITS DEMANDS MEANS THE STATE OF WAR HAS NOT ENDED IN THE REGION", THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THEREFORE THAT MORE TROUBLE WILL ERUPT THERE, CONCLUDES EDITORIAL. ITEM

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